Decline in LPG production

701. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a fall in production of ONGC and GAIL created a deficit of 100,000 tonnes of LPG in April-May, 2005;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the regular maintenance, shut downs of refineries created a shortage of 380,000 LPG in April-May 2005, and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to meet the huge shortage of LPG?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and b) The deficit (-) surplus (+) in LPG production from ONGC, GAIL and Refineries during April-May, 2005 w.r.t. April-May, 2004 was as under:-

(Quantity in thousand metric tonnes)

Source	April-May, 2004	April-May, 2005	Deficit (-)/ Surplus (+)
ONGC	179	174	(-) 5
GAIL	164	170	(+) 6
Refineries	945	841	(-) 104
Total	1,288	1,185	(-) 103

Lower production of LPG was due to maintenance shut down of some of units like fluidized catalytic cracking unit (FCCU) / crude distillation unit (CDU) etc., in Refineries.

(c) Indigenous production of LPG in the country is at present less than the demand and the deficit is met by imports.

Uniform price of ATF

702. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the price at which the Aviation Turbine Fuel (Jet Fuel) is available in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government propose a uniform pattern of price at which ATF will be available in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The State-wise current prices of Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(b) to (d) No, Sir. The prices of ATF were deregulated effective April, 2001. It varies from State to State, airport to airport, depending upon several factors including tariff adjusted import parity price at nearby port, transportation cost to the location, and sale tax charged by various states on sale of ATF.

Statement

Current ATF selling prices in various States

States	Location	Selling Price Rs/KL
1	2	3
Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad	41,281.51
Assam	Guwahati	36,335.03
Bihar	Patna	40,887.49
Chattisgarh	Raipur	36,723.16
Delhi	New Delhi	35,761.14
Goa	Dabolim	37,129.47
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	39,440.72
Haryana	Ambala	35,019.84
Himachal Pradesh	Shimla	39,652.14
Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu	36,395.72
Karnataka	Bangalore	38,537.22
Kerala	Trivandrum	39,515.92
Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	40,178.56

1	2	3
Maharashtra	Mumbai	36,714.91
Manipur	Imphal	39,717.62
Nagaland	Dimapur	37,617.05
Orissa	Bhubaneshwar	38,015.21
Rajasthan	Jaipur	40,626.22
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	38,863.85
Tripura	Agartala	38,971.75
Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow	36,421.05
Uttaranchal	Chandigarh	30,225.99
West Bengal	Kolkata	40,020.80

Revision in prices of petroleum products

†703. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL be pleased to state:

(a) the amount and frequency of raising the prices of petrol, diesel and LGP since January, 2005 to date by Government;

(b) the extent of rise in the prices of essential consumer goods on account of increased truck fare due to rise in petrol and diesel prices;

(c) the difference between the purchase price and sale price of petrol and diesel; and

(d) whether Government have any scheme to stabilize these prices, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The oil marketing companies (OMCs) have revised the prices of petrol and diesel twice since January, 2005. There has been no increase in the prices of domestic liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) since

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.